(d) if so, whether Government propose to include M.C. Road in the list of National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) In pursuance of sanction in March, 1993, of the such scheme for rubberisation of roads, work of laying experimental stretches was completed in March, 1995 and the performance study thereof is still in progress.

(b) in view of (a), it is too early to consider rubberisation of roads.

(c) and (d) Due to meagre allocation of funds during Eighth Five Year Plan, it is difficult to declare more roads as National Highways.

Christian Scheduled Tribes in the All India Services

387. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the polulation of Christian Scheduled Tribes and other Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) the number of Christian Scheduled Tribes working in various All India Services; and

(c) the number of non-Christian Scheduled Tribes working in these services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The population of Christian Scheduled Tribes and other Scheduled Tribes in the country are 36,03,480 and 4,79,63,394 respectively as per 1981 Census. This information for 1991 Census has not yet been compiled.

(b) and (c) The policy of the Government in regard to recruitment of minorities in Central Government services in general, strictly conforms to be provisions of the Constitution. The recruitment rules are framed in such a way that recruitment is based on selection on merit providing equality of opportunity so that no discrimination is made against any section of the population. Since the recruitments are not made on the basis of the caste, community, religion, etc. no data on recruitment on above basis is maintained. Therefore, no information is available for parts (b) & (c) of the question, as such it cannot be furnished.

Creation of Additional Berths for Mangalore Port

388. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop Mangalore Port to have additional berths to meet the demand of Cargo; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) There are prospects for development of additional berths for POL and dry bulk commodities at New Mangalore Port. The proposals, however, are yet to be firmed up.

Opening of New Psssport Office in Andhra Pradesh

389. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Ministaer of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to statae

(a) the number of Passport applications received by Passport Offices in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to open another Passport Office either at Visakhapatnam or Vijaywada to meet the demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons, therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The number of applications received in Andhra Pradesh (Passport Office,